

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A rolled covering material, for use in covering a support surface by overlapping adjacent strips of said covering material, said rolled covering material comprising:

a substrate having upper and lower surfaces, said lower surface adapted to be disposed proximate said support surface when covering said support surface;

an asphalt composition saturating said substrate and coating a portion of said upper surface of said substrate to form a decorative surface area and a clean surface area on said upper surface of said substrate;

granules contacting the upper surface of said asphalt composition on said decorative surface area;

an adhesive composition disposed on at least a portion of said bottom surface of said substrate to form an adhesive surface area, wherein said adhesive surface area adheres to said clean surface area when overlapping strips of two adjacent covering materials are applied to cover said support surface such that substantially only the decorative surface areas of said adjacent covering materials are exposed; and

a release backing disposed over said adhesive surface area.

2. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said clean surface area is disposed proximate a first end region of said substrate, wherein said rolled roofing material further includes a parting agent covered surface area disposed about said first end region of said bottom surface of said substrate ~~generally opposite said clean surface area~~, wherein said parting agent covered surface area resists adhering to said clean surface area when said covering material is rolled.

3. (Previously Presented) The rolled covering material of claim 2 wherein said parting agent covered surface area has a length and a width W1 and said decorative surface area includes a length and a width W2, where said width W2 is greater than said width W1.

4. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said substrate includes a fibrous material.

5. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said substrate is a fiberglass mat.

6. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said asphalt composition includes an oxidized asphalt with a mineral filler to increase fire resistance.

7. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 6 wherein said mineral filler is limestone.

8. (Previously Presented) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said asphalt composition includes by weight about 50% limestone filler, about 47% oxidized asphalt, and about 3% styrene butadiene styrene rubber.

9. (Previously Presented) The rolled covering material of claim 4 wherein said clean surface area includes exposed fibers on said upper surface of said substrate.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said adhesive composition includes a rubberized asphalt material.

12. (Previously Presented) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said adhesive composition includes by weight about 8% styrene butadiene styrene rubber, about 20% filler, about 10% oil, and about 62% flux asphalt.

13. (Previously Presented) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said asphalt composition and said adhesive composition each have a fuel content wherein said fuel content of said asphalt composition is low enough such that said asphalt composition is fire resistant.

14. (Currently Amended) A rolled roofing membrane, for use in covering a roof by overlapping adjacent strips of said roofing membrane, said rolled roofing membrane comprising:

a substrate having upper and lower surfaces, said lower surface adapted to be disposed proximate said support surface when covering said support surface;

an asphalt composition saturating said substrate and coating a portion of said upper surface of said substrate to form a roofing surface area and a clean surface area on said upper surface of said substrate;

a granular material contacting the upper surface of said asphalt composition on said roofing surface area;

an adhesive composition disposed on a first portion of said lower surface of said substrate to form an adhesive surface area, wherein said adhesive surface area adheres to said clean surface area of an adjacent rolled roofing membrane when overlapping strips of the adjacent rolled roofing membranes are applied to cover said roof such that ~~said~~ the granular materials of each of the adjacent rolled roofing membranes is exposed;

a release backing disposed over a bottom surface of said adhesive surface area for preventing said adhesive surface area

from adhering to said roofing surface area when said rolled roofing membrane is rolled; and

a parting agent covering a second portion of said lower surface of said substrate to form a parting agent covered surface area, wherein said parting agent covered surface area resists adhering to said clean surface area when said rolled roofing membrane is rolled.

15. (Previously Presented) The rolled roofing membrane of claim 14 wherein said asphalt composition includes an oxidized asphalt with a mineral filler, and wherein said adhesive composition includes a rubberized asphalt material, wherein said asphalt composition and said adhesive composition each have a fuel content wherein said fuel content of said asphalt composition is low enough such that said asphalt composition is fire resistant.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for making a rolled roofing membrane comprising the steps of:

providing a web having a top surface and a bottom surface;

coating said top surface and said bottom surface of said web with an asphalt composition, wherein said asphalt composition saturates said web;

scraping said asphalt composition from said bottom surface of said web;

scraping said asphalt composition from a portion of said top surface of said web to form a clean surface area and an asphalt coated area;

coating said bottom surface of said web with an adhesive material, forming an adhesive surface area;

scraping said adhesive composition from a portion of said bottom surface of said web opposite said clean surface area;

applying a release backing over said adhesive surface area;
and

depositing a roofing surface material on said asphalt coated area.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein said asphalt composition includes an oxidized asphalt with a mineral filler to increase fire resistance.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein said adhesive composition includes a rubberized asphalt material.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein said asphalt composition has a low fuel content compared to said adhesive composition, and wherein an amount of said asphalt composition in said roofing membrane is about twice an amount of said adhesive composition to improve fire resistance.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 further including the step of applying a parting agent to said portion of said bottom surface opposite said clean surface area, forming a parting agent covered surface area.